

The Press and Banner

By HUGH WILSON.

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"Let it be instilled into the Hearts of Your Children that the Liberty of the Press is the Palladium of all Your Rights."

Twelve Pages.

Literary Bazaar.

We demand that the school districts in the various counties of the State shall be, as nearly as practicable, equal and of an area sufficient to allow one white and one colored free school, separate and distinct, in each district; and that the school trustees be elected by the people—Platform of the Revised Democratic Party.

If in one thing more than another, the people of South Carolina have suffered from a petty or autocratic tyranny, it is in the School or educational department of the government.

According to our way of thinking much of the school fund is wrongly appropriated, to teach the higher branches, while many poor children are engineered out of the public schools, and denied all benefits arising from the system.

We presume the patriotic gentlemen who are now leading the people that have no right to express their own political opinions, will soon call on the political engineers to bring about a Constitutional Convention, when it is possible that a proposition will be made to disfranchise the very men who were denied public school privileges in order that fancy salaries might be paid to teach the members of that Convention Greek and Latin.

The whole school law as it now exists seems to be autocratic. The School Commissioners appoint the trustees. They are of course good men, subject to prejudice and of official influence. They establish each school as they think proper, but sometimes it happens that the parents of children desire another school or a division of the fund, so that they may share in its benefits.

But, as far as we have heard, exceeding few applications for additional schools are granted. As a matter of official courtesy, the School Commissioner must sustain the judgment of his own chosen Councilors. The Councilors, if appeal is made to Columbia, no State Superintendent of Education can or should overrule the judgment of his chief officer in any county, and so applicants for schools in the past have been put to endless trouble and vexation of spirit, and if any poor applicants for a school have been successful, the instances have been an exception, as the records will show.

The absurdity and foolishness of the demand that schools be as nearly as practicable equal, and of an area sufficient to allow one white and one colored school, may be plainly seen when there are hundreds of "school districts" of sufficient area, where only one school, or possibly none, would be needed. In some school districts, there would be no need for a white school, and in others no need for a colored school.

Plain, common sense people have sense enough to locate their own school houses, if the officers are required to let them alone. We have two much school law and too much official disregard for the legal appropriation of the public money.

The Suffrage Question—Mississippi's Aristocratic Convention.

The Mississippi Convention is now settling with the suffrage question the avowed purpose being to legally disqualify uneducated, or poor folks—black and white—from voting. It is thought that an education or a property qualification, or both, will settle the supremacy of the white race in Mississippi.

Supposing that the citizenship of Mississippi is not different from the citizenship of South Carolina, we would venture to suggest that the less that is done on that line, the better. The property qualification would disqualify some good men as can be found in that arrogant and presumptuous Convention, which would deny to poor folk the right of citizenship.

The tinkering with the rights of citizens is certain to breed dissatisfaction and discontent among the people, the final result of which will be the defeat and overthrow of the very purposes and objects which are sought. The presumption of a Constitutional Convention—whose members are composed of rich and educated members—in undertaking to deny that their less intelligent and less wealthy neighbors should not vote, will be certain to excite that righteous indignation, which should culminate in a forcible and just resentment of the insult that is offered to men who are just as good and just as patriotic as are the members of the Aristocratic Convention.

In times of war, the confederate officers made no property or educational qualification a prerequisite to entrance into the army. Will an educated jackass now dare assert that the men who risked their lives for the State of Mississippi, shall take no part in the civil affairs of the State? Will a rich fool presume to deny a better man the right to vote, to be a poor?

The clause of a Constitution which would disfranchise the old Confederate soldiers and officers who are good citizens as composed that Convention or no other reason than that they are poor or did not enjoy educational advantages in their youth—would establish an autocracy which should stink in the nostrils of all liberty-loving people.

The Suffrage Question.

Our respected contemporary, the Charleston News and Courier, in discussing the suffrage question in Mississippi closes his article with the following words:

"The white population own the soil of the State. They can hold this ownership absolutely, if they will. And so long as they hold it they can employ it effectively to protect themselves from the power of any number of negroes who shall merely occupy it as tenants or laborers."

The erroneousness of the views expressed as to the ownership of the soil is met when we tell that paper that there are a greater number of negroes owning lots in the town of Abbeville, than whites. It is therefore certain that that rule would not save the town of Abbeville, however differently it might be with other localities.

We would not be misunderstood. The great bulk of the money value of the real estate in this town—perhaps ninety-five per cent. of the actual value—is owned by the white people. There are a number of buildings here any one of which we presume would bring more money than all the real estate owned by the negroes.

The fact is about in this way. A thirty negro will buy an acre of ground somewhere, ranging in price, say from \$25 to \$200. He will then subdivide, and it would require a careful investigation to ascertain certainly into how many pieces he may have divided that acre.

For instance, the acre on which Tom Finley's former boarding house is located has more "residences" on it than you could shake a stick at.

"Pin Hook" and "Gulf Town" are also notably thickly settled neighborhoods. "Harrisburg" is full of houses, close together.

The fact that there are a greater number of negro landowners here was ascertained when the petition for the Railroad tax in 1885 was circulated for signatures.

The Press and Banner would suggest a do-nothing policy. The white people wrested the Southern States from the hands of the carpetbagger and the negro, even at the price of the bygone, and as long as they are true to themselves no unnecessary tricks need be resorted to. The property and the educational qualifications are objectional, and will certainly fail.

Can't Abbeville Have a Chance to Grow?

There are hundreds of acres of waste and unprofitable land lying in close proximity to the public square, and if any tract was laid off into streets and suitable lots, a number of people might become buyers at a public or private sale.

If the owner of any desirable tract, which lies suitably for cutting up into building lots, feared that he would not get full value for his lots, he could reserve to himself each alternate lot, and when a buyer became interested with him he would be anxious to assist others in boosting his own part of the town.

There are several places on which new and nice settlements could be made, and now is the time to make the move.

The Hub-Treasury.

The Abbeville Press and Banner calls on the farmers of South Carolina to boycott the Georgia "hub-treasury." It is a very serious matter in the eyes of our Abbeville contemporary—Augusta Chronicle.

Yes, fully as serious with us as is the "hub-treasury" plan itself, and no more so. The Chronicle furnishes one more proof that a man should always label anything which he intends as a joke.

To Early Graves. Now that the campaign is over, we expect soon to hear of the death of quite a number of newspapers that were born with the occasion and must die with the occasion. If there is a good printer of sterling worth and untiring energy among them, he would do better to sell his outfit, and help print the Press and Banner.

The Daily Spartanburg Herald. We are in receipt of the first issue of Spartanburg's first daily, edited by Mr. M. J. Jones and Mr. J. C. Garlington. Both editors are bold and vigorous writers, and we have no doubt that they will give Spartanburg a good newspaper.

Wouldn't it be something if Tillman, or the Tillman Legislature, should conclude to have Judge Hudson's harangues on the jury system stopped?

LILIAN'S LETTER FROM MT. CARMEL.

A Great Lot of Short Stops and Personal Paragraphs.

McCORMICK, Sept. 22nd, 1890. Marriage bells will be chiming soon in our town. Mr. G. Baker has moved into his new store, which is a fine large building, and quite an ornament to our town.

Mr. W. M. McNeill has opened his new store at Willington. Dr. Mosley, of Lowndesville, was sojourning in our town last week.

Our worthy young friend, Mr. Edd Kay, has left this place to visit his home in Greenville, S. C., but his heart is "booked" for Mt. Carmel, all the same.

Mrs. E. J. Wooten, of Wilks County, Georgia, spent last week with her niece, Mrs. Bessie Heard.

Miss Laila Hutcherson, from near Lowndesville, is visiting friends in and around Mt. Carmel.

Rev. J. M. White who has been visiting relatives and friends in this place, will return to his home in the land of flowers in a few days.

The first communion of the A. P. Church will take place here on the first Sabbath in October. Services beginning on Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Boggs has been carrying on quite an interesting meeting, assisted by Rev. T. M. White of Florida and Rev. Dr. Wilson of Abbeville.

Our friend, Mr. W. T. McDonald, was in town last week; it looks perfectly natural to see him on our streets, and our people are always glad to see him.

We have quite an addition to our town in the persons of Mr. Thos. Burch, of Elberton, Ga., and Mr. Archie Andrews, of Willington. Clerks at W. N. Mercer & Co's Emporium.

The Master is most successful in managing his father's gin; and as his price is low he is having all that he can do.

Mr. H. H. Fowler is making the cotton seed business lively in our town. It is rumored that Mr. Marshall Kay and wife will move into our town, where Mr. Kay will enter into business with his brother, Mr. T. G. Baker. They will receive a cordial welcome in this place.

Our Post Office is now in Mr. Baker's new store. The Alliance met in our town last week, and were honored by the presence of President J. R. Blake, and business agent, R. F. McCaslin, both of whom addressed the meeting.

The Baptist will soon have an organ for their church. Dr. Carlton goes in style behind a pair of fine "hamiltonian" trotters.

Mr. T. G. Baker has overhauled his Cotton Gin, and will soon be ready for business. Try his new machinery.

W. R. Powell shipped the first car of cotton seed this season. Our "Silver Cornet Band" are practicing for the "gala week" in Abbeville. (So they say.)

The meeting in the Presbyterian Church which has been so earnestly carried on for the past two weeks closed last night. We trust that such faithful preaching much good has been accomplished.

Miss Belle Burch is much better, and we hope will soon be well. The Notes and Accounts of the late firm of W. R. Powell will be sold at public auction in this town the 4th of October proximo.

LILLIAN. Jottings at Jones. JONES, S. C., Sept. 19, 1890. Farmers are very busy engaged in picking cotton, and I have heard some farmers say their cotton is better than they expected, before they began picking.

Nearly all the fodder is saved, though some is damaged by the recent rains. Miss Hortense Long, one of Honea Path's most beautiful young ladies, visited relatives near Jones this week.

Mr. W. E. McGehee, of Columbus, Ga., recently visited his father, Mr. Jessie McGehee. He has returned home to his town.

Mr. J. F. Bramlett has bought a beautiful two-year old mare. Messrs. Higgins & Co. will be ready to save our lumber for the many new houses that will be built this winter.

The bridge across Turkey creek at Agnew's is now under headway, and to be built by Mr. John Allen.

Rev. Jesse Vermillion preached his parting sermon to a host of hearers last Sunday and will soon go to Greenville to complete his studies.

We would mention a forty pound watermelon raised by Mr. Augustus Davis. We witnessed the exercises of Saluda Grove School, Wednesday. They were good indeed.

Mr. J. H. Davis, while he was getting a saddle to ride off Monday morning, was bitten by a mad dog. Heuben Tolerson was also bitten the same morning. The dog was killed.

Mary Brown, colored, of Anderson county, fell dead in the yard of Phyllis Pitts, Monday evening. She died of heart dropsy.

Births—To Mrs. J. C. Odell, a daughter. To Mrs. James Cook, a son.

ABBEVILLE'S JUBILEE.

All the Earth Invited.

GREAT PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE THE PROUD-EST EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE OLD TOWN.

Liberal Subscriptions and Earnest Work.

SPEECHES—BARBECUE—BANQUET—MUSIC—DANCING.

Houses will be Decorated with Banners and the Streets Filled with Joyous People.

A Hearty Welcome and a Barbecued Dinner for Each and Every one of the Vast Multitude.

The committee to raise subscriptions for a feast and jubilee which would fittingly express our joy at the realization of the most important event in the history of the town has been abundantly successful.

Up to this time every citizen who was applied to, gave liberally, according to his means, while all have given the committee a hearty God-send.

Abbeville having long been an isolated town, on a branch, the completion of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railway within her gates will furnish occasion for our people to rejoice in exultant strains as would a long suffering people on the day of their deliverance from the hands of their oppressor.

Besides this, to us, unprejudiced accommodations which we hope will yet be extended to us by the new railroad, we have had already for months as a result of it prospective coming, a notable revolution in the management of the old road, which has so long discriminated against us in the rate of freight charges, and refused us decent accommodation in either schedules or cars.

Now, instead of one train a day on a rocky old track of disconnected rails, and an all-day wait at Hodges, we have close connections at our former summer resort, fish bait, decent coaches, and four fast trains a day.

In the completion of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railway the people have abundant reason to rejoice.

Having so long been the object of disfavor and discourtesy from the old road, we will in the future expect different treatment from that corporation as we have already received in the last few months.

The onerous and burdensome discriminations of former years have been already abandoned, and we have good passenger accommodations for the traveling public.

Abbeville wants and expects no special favors beyond those which are extended to neighboring towns, but that much is desired and we have every reason to believe that through the influence of the new road, the old road will never, by attempt to wipe the town out of existence.

We rejoice because the people will have hereafter reason to hope to be treated with the same civility at our railroad depots that is usually extended to people at other business houses.

Then let the people everywhere rejoice not only in the hope of being delivered from past grievances, but let them also rejoice at the prospective advantages which will accrue to the whole country. The completion of the great iron highway will benefit all this country, and its accommodations will be placed within the reach of every citizen.

The completion of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad is an occasion for rejoicing, not only at Abbeville, but it should be a day of jubilee for every citizen along its entire length. For this reason Abbeville is making great preparations to entertain the ends of the earth, and she hopes that everybody may come to swell the exultant chorus in celebrating the completion of the new road and commemorating the day of our deliverance from Railroad tyranny.

THE G. C. & N.

The Subscriptions for a Grand Celebration at Abbeville.

For the purpose of celebrating the completion of the above railroad to our town in such a manner as may be desired by the citizens of Abbeville, we hereby agree to pay the amounts opposite our respective names, to the committee appointed for the purpose of arranging the details of the said celebration, on or before the 1st day of October, 1890.

Names.	Amounts.
S. McGowan	75.00
White Brothers	50.00
P. Rosenberg & Co.	50.00
Ang. W. Smith	50.00
W. Joel Smith & Sons	50.00
M. H. Hodson & Co.	25.00
J. Allen Smith	10.00
Benj. S. Barnwell	10.00
Wm. E. Bell	10.00
W. T. Branch	10.00
R. M. Hill	2.50
M. A. Alden	5.00
A. W. Lawson	5.00
J. G. Edwards	5.00
A. M. Hill & Sons	10.00
T. W. Cannon	5.00
E. A. Templeton	5.00
T. C. Seal	5.00
G. S. Douglas	5.00
Samuel C. Cason	10.00
Wm. P. Calhoun	5.00
J. L. McMillan	5.00
W. D. Mann	5.00
J. F. C. DuPre	5.00
W. S. Colburn	5.00
J. F. Jones	5.00
A. W. Jones	5.00
W. C. McGowan	25.00
Hugh Wilson	20.00
J. S. Cochran	25.00
W. S. Cochran	5.00
W. A. Lee	10.00
M. G. Graydon	5.00
Wm. S. Graydon	5.00
Eugene B. Gary	10.00
Frank B. Gary	5.00
R. N. McMillan	5.00
Wm. H. Parker	5.00
W. O. Bradley	5.00
T. P. Delrah	10.00
T. L. Douglas	25.00
F. C. Perry	25.00
J. F. Miller	5.00
Z. G. Spratt	5.00
S. G. Thompson	5.00
J. A. Harris	5.00
Med. Cater	2.00
J. L. McMillan	2.00
M. J. Gambrell	2.00
L. T. Miller	2.00
M. L. Giles	1.00
D. W. Keller	1.00
J. R. Glenn	1.00
S. L. Link	1.00
The National Bank of Abbeville	25.00
W. D. Wilson	1.00
Walter L. Miller	1.00
F. L. Jones	1.00
B. W. Jones	1.00
J. W. Sign & Co.	1.00
L. C. Miller	1.00
J. H. McMillan	1.00
R. S. Link	1.00
E. L. Wilson	1.00
R. L. Mabry	1.00
J. P. Cochran	1.00
J. W. Thompson	1.00
J. A. Hill	1.00
J. H. DuPre	1.00

H. D. Rose, paid	1.00
M. H. Hill	2.00
W. H. Smith	2.00
W. J. Quiles, paid	2.00
W. G. Riley	2.00
J. L. Perrin, paid	1.00
J. F. Livingston	1.00
J. A. Allen	1.00
G. W. Milford	25.00
P. H. Speed	5.00
Thos. Thomson	5.00
L. W. Perrin	5.00
W. C. Bennett	20.00
Dr. G. A. Neuffer, paid	1.00
Pink McElwaine, paid	1.00
R. L. Chalmers	5.00
J. W. Sign, paid	3.00
J. S. Tugart, paid	1.00
T. W. Coogler, paid	5.00
C. V. Hammond & Co.	5.00
J. S. Hammond, paid	1.00
Tom Tolbert, paid	1.00
Dr. G. A. Neuffer, paid	2.50
H. W. Lawson, paid	1.00
Jim Brooks	1.00
W. F. Smith	1.00
R. M. Brooks	1.00
G. M. Kirby	1.00
H. G. Dusenberry, paid	1.00
W. T. McDonald	1.00
H. Harrison	1.00
R. E. Hill, paid	5.00
G. W. Bullock	1.00
J. Colman	1.00
G. H. Moore	5.00
E. Sydnal, paid	2.00
W. T. Penney	2.00
A. L. Gillespie, paid	10.00
W. H. Brooks	2.00

Contributed Locals.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Sept. 23, 1890. About 300 bales of cotton sold in Abbeville last Saturday.

"M" was in attendance upon the Superior Court of Hart county, Georgia, last week, and had a pleasant trip. The crops along the way were very good but with few exceptions. Not so good in Georgia as in Carolina. In our recent walk in Full River City, where the G. C. & N. R. crosses the S. V. R. R. There we met Mr. Gelsberg, who is preparing to have new city divided into lots. The ground will be graded and nicely leveled, and the streets are to be at least wide, running Northwest and Southeast.

There will be three depots, one union passenger and two freight. The company propose building the factory on the line of railroad and run it by electricity from the river, thereby saving the company nearly one-half the cost of water power. It will be used in generating electricity. Mr. Gelsberg is up to his business, having been engaged in buying and selling many towns in Alabama and other States that are now growing and in a flourishing condition.

Dr. Winlock and his sister, Miss Cecelia, of Charleston, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Evans has just returned from Augusta, where he has been to purchase a part of the same city at the Oil Mill, which he thinks will be running in a few days. They have now quite a large quantity of seed on hand, and are laying daily.

The meeting in the Methodist church at this place is still being continued. It is a most interesting and profitable work on the part of the membership. The sermon was preached by Dr. W. L. Wilson, who was excellent and delivered in the most earnest and persuasive style. Subject, "What are we to do as Christians?" which was made a personal question for every one present. The people of Abbeville are a highly favored people, and they need and pass by so many opportunities, may it not be said in the last days that it will be more tolerable for the "devils of the plain" for the people of Abbeville. We trust not.

Mr. Thomas Thomson, of Abbeville, and Mr. McKenney of Chesapeake, two prominent young gentlemen, are now with Mr. Wm. E. Bell, where they will be glad to see their lady friends.

Last Saturday was a busy day. People from all parts of the county thronged our streets, while the public square was literally covered with all kinds of vehicles.

Our millinery stores each have a new outfit of hats, and the ladies who are who are sure will endeavor to make the ladies look more beautiful than ever.

Mr. M. B. Sydnal has a situation at the Abbeville Hotel. He is a worthy young man and we trust his place will not only be lucrative but permanent.

Mr. Cochran of the Long Cana settlement, is clerking for Mr. R. W. Cannon. He is a steady young man and will treat his friends nicely.

Our people are alive to the interests of our town, as shown recently by their liberal subscription for the "gala week." Nearly \$500 has already been subscribed. Visitors may expect to see a live town. All our stores will be filled to overflowing with merchandise ever brought to Abbeville, and our people will wear their brightest smiles, and be on their best behavior. We expect a grand jubilee for all.

Mr. A. V. Berry is clerking for Mr. Templeton by his courteous manner he will win customers to this already popular house.

Mr. James Graham, a polite and experienced salesman from Chesapeake, can now be found with the wide awake firm of P. Rosenberg & Co.

Miss Janie Delph after a pleasant visit to Verdery is home again. Miss Sallie Scott, one of Abbeville's brightest young ladies is with Mr. Haddon & Co.

Miss Maggie Latimer is attending school in Staunton, Virginia. Miss Florence Templeton and her cousin, Miss Carrie Giles are visiting friends in Lowndesville.

If you want to see a fine lot of French candy, the best assortment of tea cakes go to A. M. Hill & Sons.

The "Music" sang last Sabbath night in the Methodist church by Miss Chalmers and Miss Nellie Hill was simply beautiful.

Mr. R. W. Cannon left for Charleston last Monday.

If you want the best flour in Abbeville buy the Snow King from A. M. Hill & Sons.

Misses Ida Hammond, Edna Gambrell and Bessie Edwards leave next Wednesday for Columbia Female College.

Mr. Joe Scott is night operator in Greenwood with a fine salary. While Mr. Tom Sydnal pulls the wires through the day with an increased salary.

It is hard to keep Abbeville boys down, they will stand high, and are always honored with the public a grand display of beautiful goods. Keep in.

Mr. W. E. Bell will present to the eyes of all lovers of the beautiful magnificent array of all novelties in his line on the 24th and 25th instants.

To-morrow the 24th is Atonement day and will be observed by our Jewish friends. The busy proprietors of A. M. Hill & Sons finished in a few days they will have on exhibition the largest, cheapest, and best assortment of vehicles ever shown in the market. Call for their prices before you purchase.

GATHERINGS AT GREENWOOD. Greenwood, Sept. 22, 1890. Not a single case of sickness in town. Mr. James Dodson, of Donalds, was in the city yesterday.

We will begin our weekly cotton report next issue.

Dr. Lanier, of Liberty Hill, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Chipley, for several days.

Our friend, John Chipley, of Phoenix, the cyclopedic cotton seed buyer of the Piedmont country came in on the Lightning express Thursday. Seed immediately jumped from 11 to 16 cents, where they closed with an upward tendency Saturday night.

Mr. J. A. Bailey has returned to Atlanta, after a short visit here—the home of his childhood. He is preparing to leave for the city.

To our sweeping charge against Council In last issue there is probably a solitary exception. Said exception being Alderman Fremont I. We are informed that after the third notice from the Board of Health, he did submit and excepted to the report of the council and show cause why his premises were not kept clean. &c. Said Alderman and council met at the appointed time and place. They adjourned to Council's Chamber, however, to find his honor and a majority of his fellow Aldermen, who were very angry, passed a few hot words and adjourned. Since then.

It seems that some of Tillman's followers, as was expected, are very hungry for some bait to the one of their choice, they are willing to accept anything the "dear people" have to offer.

A gentleman from Winstonsboro by the name of Keer has bought from Dr. Holloway Dr. Keer's old piece, one of the finest, rarest and most valuable pieces of the family here on an early day.

We have always had an aversion for the pianist, therefore we announce that a "Society Notes" of our column are written by a beautiful young lady, whose modesty forbids the use of her name.

Col. J. C. Gibbs has completed the survey of the South Down Railroad, a route which may be seen at the bank, and received the money there. There is still money in the treasury, he it said to the credit of Mr. T. P. Hill.

The remains of Mrs. J. E. Partlow who died at Hillman's Mill last Friday, were brought here Sunday for interment in the family burying ground, fifteen miles below here on the Mathias pike.

It has been quite gay for the young people in Greenwood this week. Quite a large crowd attended a dance at the hall on Monday night, and were very happy for some time, and many were the regrets that the dancing term was so near a close.

Miss M. Lee gave a delightful entertainment to a few well privileged guests on Thursday evening.

Miss Ann, a charming young lady of Columbia, who has been here the past four

weeks teaching dancing school, ended the series of lessons with a soiree on Friday evening. It was a very pleasant affair and the dancing continued till a late hour. Prof. Ned Murphy and sons of Cokesbury, furnished music for the occasion. A great many strangers were present and thus added to the pleasure of